

where after doing the Buller and Otago Gorges they intend to visit the Franz Josef Glacier and other interesting places. Miss Shoen was out here some years ago, and this time travelled from England with Miss E. Richmond, who has been spending two years or so in the Old Country.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Duncan are back from Auckland, where they paid a flying visit to Dr. and Mrs. Harker, fellow passengers of theirs on their recent trip out from England.

The Misses Coleridge, who are just back from a pleasant stay in the Old Country, have gone to Nelson for a week or two.

Miss Cachemaille arrived from England at Christmas-time, and is paying a round of visits among her relatives here. For the last four or five years she has been living in the Old Country.

Mrs. and Miss Kennedy are back from Wanganui, where they have been spending the New Year.

Mrs. F. M. B. Fisher has been visiting Miss Beatrice Day at Wanganui.

Day's Bay always is popular as a seaside resort, and many people have been there for the holidays. Mr., Mrs., and Miss Dear, Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell Tewsley and Miss Tewsley, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Haybittle, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Moss have all been there lately for a more or less long stay. There are a number of permanent residents at Day's Bay, besides a good number of "summer people," who live in Wellington most of the year, but spend three or four months in their seaside cottages or bungalows.

OPHELIA.

HAMILTON.

January 5.

Waikato Mounted Rifles.

The team sent away to Palmerston to the military tournament by the Waikato Mounted Rifles was most successful, winning three firsts and three seconds in the various events. Sergeant Ramshead came second in the leman-cutting competition. They are to be congratulated upon their success.

Personal.

The Rev. Cowie, Mrs. Cowie, and their children are enjoying a well-earned fortnight at Devonport.

Mrs. Curtis and party, who have motored through from Stratford, via Napier, Taupo, and Rotorua, stayed in Hamilton on Sunday night, en route to Raglan.

Mrs. Herdman has returned from Te Aroha with her mother.

ZILLAH.

ROTORUA.

January 6.

The Holiday Season.

With the exception of Christmas Day the weather on the whole has been glorious during the holidays. On New Year's Day the Wairoa geyser was soaped, and responded magnificently for the benefit of about 2000 people, who braved the shocking dust of the Whaka road, and the blazing heat of Whaka itself. After the geyser display there was a perfect stampede for the kiosk. There were several lake picnics that day, chiefly amongst those who had seen the geyser's charms before. On New Year's Eve a weird band patrolled the streets to a late hour, following close in the wake of the Hinemoa Brass Band. A genial party invaded the B.N.Z. to make merry with Mr. and Mrs. Flower, whose kindness and hospitality have already endeared them to the young people.

The Rotorua Rowing Club held their annual sports meeting on Monday the 2nd, but with the contrariness for which it is noted, Lake Rotorua decided to behave as badly as possible. The wind blew a gale all day. The rowing races had to be abandoned, and other events substituted. The crowd in the sheltered sanatorium gardens that day was very large.

It is reported that about 170 people did "the round trip" that day. The scene at the wharf every morning during the holidays was a busy one. Launch after launch putting off with eager excited "trip per," chattering and gesticulating, and the local picknackers making their arrangements and looking on with mild amusement at the strangers.

There have been concerts, dances and euchre parties galore at the various

boarding houses, and last Tuesday evening there was an excellent concert at the Pump Room of the new bath house. Several visitors contributed items, chief among them being Miss Berry, of Western Australia, and Mr. Lapper.

The Maori Mission Choir have been holding their attractive entertainments during the week, and meeting with good and appreciative audiences. The Rev. F. Bennett presides, and his explanations of the different tableaux, etc., are most interesting.

Mrs. Crowther, proprietress of Grande Vue, gave a large afternoon tea at Picnic Point in the Sanatorium gardens last week, when all the Grande Vue guests were invited, with a sprinkling of local people. Picnic Point is a delightful little spot on the outskirts of the gardens, quite close to the lake, and some far-seeing souls planted willows there in the old days. Later on puna ferns were planted too, and these, with the tall manuka, make a lovely shady spot for picnic teas.

Personal.

Captain and Mrs. Frater and Miss Mary Frater (Parrell) are staying at Grande Vue.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holmes, of Wellington, are here.

Archdeacon Tisdall has gone for a month's leave.

Mr. H. Tresize, of Wellington, is here. Professor and Mrs. Salmon and family, of Wellington, are staying at Arawa House.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Boulton and Mrs. Gawler, of Auckland, are here for some weeks.

Mrs. Colegrove and Miss Colegrove, of Auckland, are in Rotorua.

Dr. Parkes and Mrs. Parkes, of Auckland, are staying at Waiwera House.

Mr. F. K. Bloomfield, of Auckland, is at the Grand.

Miss Adams, of Gisborne, is at the Grand at present.

Amongst the motoring parties in Rotorua last week were: Mr. and Mrs. S. Russell, Mrs. and Miss Baber, and Mr. J. Wrigley, of Waihi. They came by Tauranga, and returned to Waihi by Okoroire and Te Aroha.

Judge Johnson, an old resident, is revisiting Rotorua for a short time.

The Hon. Theodore Bruce and Mrs. Bruce have returned to Adelaide after spending a holiday in Rotorua.

RATA.

NAPIER.

Hawke's Bay Tennis Championship.

January 6.

The annual open championship and handicap tournament commenced at the H.B. Courts last Saturday, and continued on Monday and Tuesday, but some of the ladies' events are still unfinished, and will most likely be played off to-morrow. Afternoon tea was kindly provided by the Club, and much enjoyed by all the visitors. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. Ching, Mrs. Kettle, Miss Kettle, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Mrs. Dinwiddie, Miss Dinwiddie, Miss Sutton, Misses Lever (2), Mrs. Clark, Miss Clark, Miss McLean, Miss Coates, Mrs. A. C. Russell, Misses Wellwood (3), Miss Hamlin, Miss Meredith, Mrs. Waddell, Miss Davis, and many others.

Visit of the Rotorua.

The N.Z. Shipping Co.'s fine new steamer Rotorua paid her first visit to Napier this week. Captain Sutcliffe has many friends in Hawke's Bay, and notwithstanding the very heavy sea that was running, numbers of people were glad to accept his invitation to go out and inspect the Rotorua. She is certainly a most beautiful vessel. The decorations throughout are quite lovely, and for those who are fortunate enough to be able to travel with every comfort there is a delightful suite of state-rooms most daintily furnished. A nursery, with well-filled toy cupboards, is one of the many innovations to be found on the Rotorua.

Hawke's Bay Children's Home.

The distribution of prizes to the children of the H.B. Children's Home took place on Wednesday afternoon. The prizes were given away by Dr. T. C. Moore, who said it spoke well for the institution that, being their medical officer, he had only been called in once during the year. A musical programme was contributed by the children, and at the conclusion of the prize-giving a remarkably happy, healthy little band re-

ceived gifts from a lovely Christmas tree. During the afternoon Dr. Moore made feeling reference to the death of Mrs. F. W. Williams, their late President. Amongst the many friends and supporters of the Home present were: Mrs. Bandal, Miss Daveport, Miss K. Williams, Mrs. Craig, Miss M. Williams, Miss Hunter, Mrs. F. Hutchinson, Mrs. Hausard, Mrs. and Miss Rutherford, Miss Thornton, Miss Aplin, Revs. J. Asber and C. Lawrie.

Personal.

Canon Mayne and Mrs. Mayne and family are spending a month at Taupo.

Miss Meredith, Wairarapa, has been the guest of Mrs. Hamlin.

Mrs. Troutbeck has returned from Rotorua.

Miss Irvine (Dannevirke) is the guest of Mrs. Dinwiddie. Miss Chapman and Miss Phillips have left for Taupo and Rotorua.

Friends of Miss Geary in Napier will be pleased to hear of her wedding, which is to take place in Auckland early in January.

Mrs. Arthur Gore has returned from Rotorua, and leaves shortly for Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Biddell and family (Wellington) are on a visit to Napier.

Mrs. and Miss Wood have returned from a delightful visit to Australia.

Before leaving for Vancouver, Miss Daisy Simpson received a presentation from the staff of Williams and Kettle, and from the principal of the firm.

Mrs. Levien is on a visit to Palmerston.

Miss Gaisford (Dannevirke) is visiting Napier.

Mrs. Stopford left yesterday on a visit to the South Island.

Miss Sutton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Stuart, Christchurch.

Mrs. Dinwiddie is visiting Dunedin.

MARJORIE.

GISBORNE.

January 5.

The Holidays.

The day following New Year's Day (Monday) turned out a most glorious day, and picnic parties were to be seen in every direction, "busses, buggies, and conveyances of all descriptions being utilised to convey the holiday-makers to their different picnic spots. The river also was dotted with boats and their loads of passengers.

A great number of people journeyed to Otoko to view the railway works now in progress, some going by the 7 a.m. train and going up to Rakarua, a splendid day's trip, and educative as well, the country through which the train will pass being so splendid.

Mrs. W. C. Ensor gave a most enjoyable picnic up the railway line, a large number of her friends being present.

Karaka Races.

The Karaka races attracted a large number of people, over 1000 being present. Amongst those attending were: Messrs. Buckley, R. Sherratt, Downer, Scott, Jackson, Stephenson Shield (Hastings), Murphy, Lusk (Napier), Misses Bennett, Sherratt (3), Monckton (Wairarapa), Symes, Lusk (Napier), Horner (West Coast), Evans, Durner, Scott, etc.

Personal.

The Misses Kennedy (Napier) are at present staying with their brother, Mr. A. F. Kennedy (Gisborne).

Miss R. Rees (Sydney) is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother (Mrs. W. L. Rees).

The Misses Sherratt (Gisborne) and Pahtutali are visiting "Rangitira," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pattallo, Karaka.

Mr. Rolleston (Christchurch) is at present visiting friends in Gisborne.

ELSA.

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3. A Teasing Irritation in your Throat?
4. A Difficulty in Breathing?
5. A Cold in Your Head?
6. A Fit of Sneezing?
7. A Pain in Your Chest?
8. A Shortness of Breath?
9. "Only a Bit of a Cold?"

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